

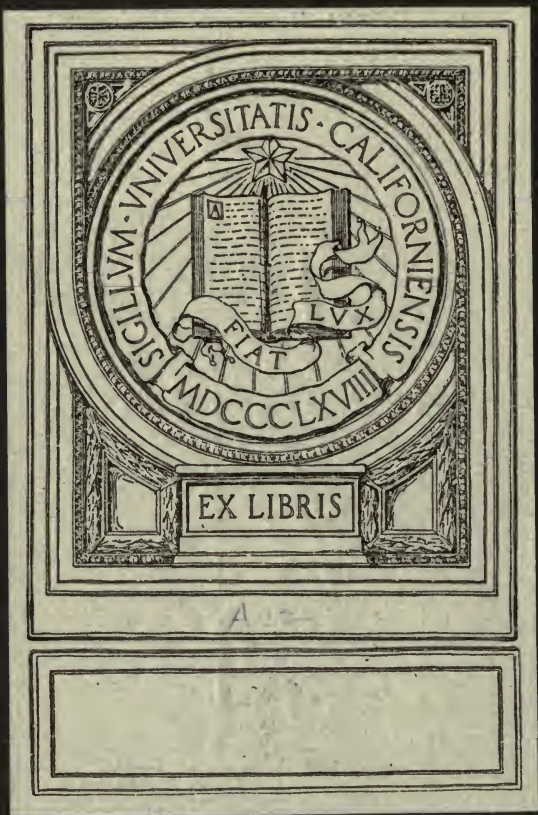
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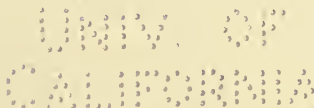
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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Three numbers of the Year-book of Library Commissions were published by the League,—in 1906, 1907, and 1908. In 1910, a Handbook was published. This gave a history of Commission work and of the League, and a full account of each Commission. It was planned to supplement this by annual Year-books, but none was published in 1911, as the subject-matter had not yet been definitely settled. In 1912, a Committee of the League made a report on what the Year-book should contain, and the Secretary was instructed to compile one.

The Year-book is intended only to supplement the fuller information of the Handbook, and bring it to date. As to publications, each Commission was asked to furnish a list of those now in print. For complete lists, the Handbook should be consulted.

In two states, Arkansas and Oklahoma, efforts are being made to secure the establishment of library commissions, but nothing definite can be reported for this Year-book.

The compiler acknowledges with gratitude the assistance given by the various Commissions in furnishing information for the Year-book.

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State Library, Harrisburg  
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Franklin F. Hopper, Tacoma, Wash.

**LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS  
CONSTITUTION****1**

**Name.** The name of this organization shall be League of Library Commissions.

**2**

**Object.** The object of the League shall be to promote, by cooperation, such library interests as are within the province of library supervision by the state.

**3**

**Membership.** Any state commission, board, bureau, department, or other official organization charged with the duty of promoting library interests in the state where it is located, either by means of traveling libraries or the establishment, organization and supervision of public libraries, shall be eligible to membership upon compliance with the conditions hereinafter enumerated.

Each organization admitted to active membership shall have one vote through an accredited representative (preferably an executive officer) on any subject requiring action at any meeting; but any member or officer of such commission, board or department may attend the meetings of the League and share in its deliberations.

**4**

**Officers.** The officers of the League shall be president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve until election of their successors.

## 5

**Executive Board.** Except when the League is in session, its affairs shall be in the hands of an Executive Board consisting of the officers named in Section 4 and the members of the Publication Committee, as hereinafter provided. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall appoint a chairman for sectional meetings, when neither the president nor any vice-president can be in attendance.

Votes of the Executive Board may be taken by correspondence, a majority vote being necessary to give validity to any action so taken.

The Executive Board of the League shall prepare programs, select topics and assign speakers for the annual meeting and make all the necessary arrangements therefor.

## 6

**Committees.** There shall be a Publication Committee of three members and the president of the League, who shall cooperate with the Publishing board of the A. L. A. in securing suitable material required for Commission work, and who shall arrange through co-operation with such Publishing Board or otherwise for the printing of such publications and for the price at which they may be sold.

Standing committees and special committees not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the president.

## 7

**Dues.** The payment of a yearly membership fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall constitute active membership, such members being entitled to secure League publications at cost and to exercise the voting privilege as specified in Section 3. Associate members paying no dues shall be charged regular price for League publications but may participate in deliberations without a vote.

## 8

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the League shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the A. L. A.

**Sectional Meetings.** Any group of members representing three or more states may by mutual agreement, and with the approval of the Executive Board, hold a sectional meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon. At such meetings



such matters shall be considered as shall be selected by the members there assembled or by the Executive Board. No vote taken at such meeting shall be binding on the League, but shall be advisory only. The Executive Board and committees of the League may ask for an advisory vote which may guide them in determining questions arising in the prosecution of their work. No such vote shall release the committee from its responsibility in any matter.

## 9

**Affiliation.** The League shall be affiliated with the A. L. A. in accordance with its constitution and by-laws.

## 10

**By-Laws.** The Board may adopt by-laws for the League subject to such amendment as may be voted at the annual meeting.

## 11

**Amendments.** Amendments to this constitution may be adopted at any annual meeting of the League by a two-thirds vote of those present entitled to vote; provided that notice shall have been given, by correspondence, to all members of the League at least two months prior to such annual meeting; or in lieu thereof, that the amendment shall have received the unanimous approval of the Executive Board.

## ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONS.

This Yearbook gives only the present membership of each Commission and staff, and any *new* legislation and activities. For a general account of each Commission see the Handbook, published in 1910.

### ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY. DIVISION OF  
LIBRARY EXTENSION

See Handbook of the League, 1910, for general statement. No report was received for the Yearbook.

## CALIFORNIA

## CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

**Board of Trustees:**

Allen B. Lemmon, President, Santa Rosa  
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 R. M. Richardson, Sacramento

**Executive Officer:**

James L. Gillis, State Librarian, Sacramento

**Publications in Print:**

Libraries of California, 1904

News notes of California libraries, May 1906—date

Books for the blind: circular and finding list. 3d ed. 1910

Library laws of California. 1909

California county free library law. 1910

California county free library law. 1911

California county free library law and circular of information  
 for applicants for certificates of qualification to hold the  
 office of county librarian in California. 1911

California county free libraries: two questions often asked.  
 1911

California laws of interest to women and children. 1912

**New Legislation.** In Feb. 1911, a new county library law was passed, to take the place of the first county law, passed in 1909. The following summary of the law of 1911 is condensed from Library Journal, v. 36. p. 189.

1. The supervisors of any county may establish a county free library for that part of the county lying outside of incorporated cities and towns maintaining free public libraries, and for such additional portions of the county as may elect to become a part of, or to participate in, the county free library system.

2. Any incorporated city or town maintaining a free library may, by action of its city council, become a part of the county free library system.

3. Any incorporated city or town may contract with the county free library for such service as it may desire.

4. Counties may contract with each other for joint library service.

5. A board of library examiners is created, composed of the State librarian, and the librarians of the public libraries of San Francisco and Los Angeles, to certificate applicants for the position of county librarian.

6. Maximum power in the management of the county free library is given to the county librarian.

7. A tax levy not to exceed 10 cents on 100 dollars may be made, to support the county free library.

8. If a county does not wish to establish a library of its own, an alternative method is offered by means of a contract which may be entered into by the board of supervisors with any city library, the latter agreeing to extend its service to the county.

**New Phases of Work.** While no distinctively new work has been undertaken, the development of the county library system has led to some changes that are worthy of note. Twenty-one counties are now doing some of the work for their territory that was at first handled from the State Library. As soon as a county free library is established, the county librarian assists in the work formerly done by the state, such as the planning and furnishing of new library buildings, the cataloging of small libraries, installing charging systems, etc. The State Library still gives what assistance is possible through correspondence, but does not at present send out an organizer.

In the summer of 1912 a course in library work was given in connection with the regular Summer school at the University of California. The State Library and all others interested will make every effort to have some sort of library school established as soon as possible. It is under consideration to establish a course at the University of California in 1913-1914.

The traveling libraries that had been sent out from the State Library since Dec. 1903 were discontinued in 1911, after the accidental decrease in the State Library fund by the Legislature of 1911. As the county system is more economical and successful, as a means of book distribution, every effort will be made to establish county libraries where they do not yet exist, rather than return to the old system of traveling libraries from the State Library. The books that made up the traveling libraries are now loaned in large groups up to 1000 volumes to counties starting free libraries. These collections are sent by freight, the county library paying the freight charges. In counties where there is no county free library, collections of books for study purposes are sent to any club or grange upon the application of two resident tax-payers. As these books are selected from the main collection of the State Library, the work is carried on entirely by the reference department. Books may be kept three months, and by special permission the time may be extended. Transportation both ways is paid by the borrowers.



## COLORADO

COLORADO BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS  
COLORADO TRAVELING LIBRARY COMMISSION

See Handbook of the League, 1910, for general statement.  
No report was received for the Yearbook.

## CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

**Members of the Committee:**

Charles D. Hine, Chairman, Hartford  
Miss Caroline M. Hewins, Secretary, Hartford  
Edwin B. Gager, Derby  
Henry A. Tirrell, Norwich  
George A. Conant, Windsor Locks

**Executive Staff:**

Mrs. Belle Holcomb Johnson, Visitor and inspector of libraries.  
Miss Frances Sheehan, Clerk

**Publications in Print:**

Year pub. and  
no. of document

1894	1	What a free library does for a country town
	2	Circular to public libraries

1898—1904            (Annual lists of books, 1897—1903)

1904	3	Books on the Far East
	5	Address at the reopening of the Acton library, Old Saybrook, June 30, 1904, by Reverend Samuel Hart D. D.
	7	Free public libraries: law and method of obtaining state grant
	8	The development of public libraries within the bounds of old New Haven colony, by Henry W. Whitney
1906	1	The public library and its critics, by H. W. Whitney
	3	Selected list of literature relating to American forests and forestry

1908	1	Grange circulating libraries. Series B
	2	Grange circulating libraries. Series C
1909	1	Novels and children's stories
	2	Traveling school libraries loaned by the Connecticut society of Colonial Dames of America.
1910	1	Address of Simeon E. Baldwin at the laying of the corner-stone of the Connecticut State Library
	4	Suggestive list of periodicals
1911	2	Selected list of books published in 1910 recommended to libraries
	3	Reading clubs for boys and girls
	4	Report of the Connecticut public library committee, 1910-11
	5	Novels and children's stories of 1911
1912	2	List of books published in 1911
	3	Thanksgiving references

**New Legislation.** Law governing state grant to libraries amended as follows: In towns whose grand list exceeds six hundred thousand dollars, the Connecticut public library committee may in its discretion expend annually, for books selected by it for any free public library, a sum not to exceed the amount annually appropriated and expended by the town for the increase of such library. In towns whose grand list does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, said committee may, in its discretion, expend annually, for books selected by it for any free public library, a sum not to exceed the amount annually appropriated and expended from any source for the increase of such library. The expenditure by said committee shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars annually for any library.

**New Phases of Work.** Book wagon routes have been established in five towns. Each route is covered once in six weeks. In the year reported, 37 trips have been made, involving 1019 calls on 210 families and 5904 books delivered.

## DELAWARE

### DELAWARE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

Daniel W. Corbit, Chairman, Odessa  
 Mrs. James W. Anthony, Smyrna  
 Arthur L. Bailey, Wilmington  
 Mrs. C. E. Burchenal, Wilmington

H. P. Cannon, Bridgeville  
Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Wilmington  
G. H. Murray, Viola  
Miss Margaret Orr, Lewes  
Mrs. Henry Ridgely, Dover

**Executive Staff:**

H. Ridgely Harrington, State Librarian, Dover  
Miss Ida V. Culbreath, Librarian

**Publications in Print:**

Biennial reports, 1906, 1907-08, 1909-10  
Circular of information

**New Phases of Work:**

Book wagons are in operation in two counties.

## GEORGIA

### GEORGIA LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

Miss Katherine Wooten, Chairman  
Mrs. John K. Ottley, Atlanta  
Walter W. Brooks, Rome  
Bridges Smith, Macon  
Crawford Wheatley, Americus

**Executive Officer:**

Mrs. Percival Sneed, Organizer. Carnegie Library, Atlanta

**Publications in Print:**

Handbook of the libraries of the state of Georgia

## IDAHO

### IDAHO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

D. C. McDougall, Attorney General, Chairman  
Miss Grace M. Shepherd, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Wilford L. Gifford, Secretary of State  
James A. McLean, President of the University of Idaho

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Grace M. Shepherd, Secretary  
Miss Margaret S. Roberts, Librarian

## ILLINOIS

## ILLINOIS LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

Harry Woods, Chairman  
Mrs. Eugenie M. Bacon  
Joseph H. Freeman

**Executive Officer:**

Miss Eugenia Allin, Organizer

**Publications in Print:**

Leaflet no. 1 What the Illinois Library Extension Commission means to Illinois

## INDIANA

## INDIANA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

J. P. Dunn, President  
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl  
W. W. Parsons

**Executive Staff:**

Carl H. Milam, Secretary and state organizer  
Miss Carrie E. Scott, Assistant state organizer  
Miss Ora Williams, Assistant state organizer  
Miss Helen Davis, Librarian of traveling libraries  
Miss Elizabeth B. Noel, Assistant

**Publications in Print:**

Biennial report, 1901-04, 1906-date  
Graded list of books for schools  
Graded list of stories for reading aloud, compiled by Harriot E. Hassler. Rev. ed.  
Helps in the selection of children's books  
Important laws of Indiana relating to public libraries and the Public Library Commission. 1910  
(The) Indiana library law and rules of the Public Library Commission. (1901)  
Library occurrent: (issued quarterly)  
v. 1, nos. 5-8, 10-12, Index  
v. 2, nos. 2, 4-10, 12, Index  
v. 3, nos. 1-4  
List of illustrated books for boys and girls  
List of picture books by good illustrators

- List of pictures for children's rooms
- Popular books for boys and girls, a graded list with annotations;  
compiled by Carrie E. Scott
- Public Library Commission: what is it, what it does. 1904
- Public Library Commission of Indiana. Circular. 1911
- Sources for obtaining material for miscellaneous picture collection
- Summer school for librarians. Circular, (annual). 1903, 1907-date
- Traveling library circulars

## IOWA

### IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### **Members of the Commission:**

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- John G. Bowman, President State University, Iowa City
- A. M. Deyoe, State Supt. of Public Instruction, Des Moines
- Mrs. Horace M. Towner, Corning
- Mrs. David W. Norris, Grinnell
- Mrs. Henry J. Howe, Marshalltown
- Mrs. A. J. Barkley, Boone

#### **Executive Staff:**

- Miss Alice S. Tyler, Secretary and Director of library extension, State Historical Bldg., Des Moines
- Miss Margaret W. Brown, Librarian of traveling library
- Miss Mary E. Marks, Field and reference assistant.
- Miss Reba Davis, Organizer
- Miss Edna Lyman, Advisory children's librarian (Part time only)
- Miss Ada Septer, Clerk

#### **Publications in Print:**

Iowa Library Quarterly; v.2-date

##### **Leaflets:**

- No. 1 Shall a free public library be established?
- No. 2 Iowa day and a few books about Iowa
- No. 5 Free traveling library of Iowa
- No. 6 Books for the blind
- No. 7 Library buildings
- No. 8 Study club programs
- No. 9 Traveling picture collections
- No. 10 Debate traveling libraries
- No. 11 Making a library beginning
- No. 12 Township extension



List of books recommended for children's library; compiled by

Annie Carroll Moore

Traveling library lists

Check-list of state publications

Reports, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910

## KANSAS

### KANSAS TRAVELING LIBRARIES COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

James L. King, Chairman

Mrs. W. A. Johnston

Mrs. W. D. Atkinson

Mrs. Sara Judd Greenman

Mrs. C. J. Brown

#### Executive Staff:

Mrs. Adrian Greene, Secretary

Miss Thomasine Jackson, Assistant secretary

#### Publications in Print:

Biennial reports

## KENTUCKY

### KENTUCKY LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

Mrs. George Alexander Flourney, Chairman, Paducah

Miss May Stone, Hindman

Mr. Frank K. Kavanaugh, Frankfort

Dr. William B. Doherty, Louisville

George T. Settle, Louisville

#### Executive Staff:

Miss Fannie C. Rawson, Secretary

Miss Blanche V. Watts, Assistant Secretary

#### Publications in Print:

Handbook of Kentucky libraries

Kentucky Library Commission law

Traveling library post card

Report, 1910-1911

Leaflets:

No. 1 Circular of information.

No. 2 Traveling libraries in Kentucky

No. 3 General loan collection

**New Phases of Work:**

*Traveling Libraries.* The traveling library system maintained by the Commission consists of fixed groups of fifty volumes for general reading and study, for adults, young people and children; and includes fiction, biography, travel, history and prominent topics of the day. A farmers' library of fifteen books may be substituted for the same number in general reading in a regular library; or a separate library of fifteen agricultural books is loaned on request. The libraries are sent free of charge except for transportation, to small towns, schools, study clubs, rural districts and farming communities. They are loaned for six months with the privilege of extension for a longer period or of exchange in less time if desired.

In addition to the fixed groups of traveling libraries, an open shelf or subject collection is maintained from which books may be borrowed to suit the specific needs of study clubs, debating teams, farmers' clubs and individuals.

*School Libraries.* The Commission is working in cooperation with the rural schools of the State in an endeavor to improve school library conditions. Fifteen and twenty-five dollar model school collections are on exhibition in the offices of the Commission and a movement has been inaugurated to install a system of school traveling libraries in every county in the State.

*Debating Material.* Work with debating teams throughout the State has been started, and the collections of material on some of the more popular questions of debate are being enlarged.

*Study Outlines.* In cooperation with the standing committees of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, study outlines are being prepared and books provided to carry out these studies.

**MAINE****MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

Prof. W. H. Hartshorn, Chairman, Lewiston  
Henry C. Prince, State Librarian, Secretary, Augusta  
Prof. George T. Little, Brunswick  
J. H. Winchester, Corinna  
Mrs. Kate E. Estabrooke, Orono

**Publications in Print:**

Reports, 1900, 1901, 1902-03  
Bulletin, published quarterly

**New Legislation:**

In 1911, the law relating to the powers and duties of the Maine



Library Commission was changed in a way to enlarge the work of the Commission. Instead of simply stating that the purpose of the Commission is "to encourage the establishment of free public libraries," the law now states that the Commission may give advice and aid in organization to school, state institutional, and free public libraries; may receive gifts; publish printed lists and aids for libraries; may conduct schools and institutes for instruction; and perform such other service in behalf of public libraries as it may consider for the best interest of the state.

## MARYLAND

### MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

M. Bates Stephens, President, Denton  
Bernard C. Steiner, Secretary, Baltimore  
Miss Sallie Webster Dorsey, State Librarian, Annapolis  
Mrs. M. A. Newell, Baltimore  
Joseph H. Apple, Frederick  
Mrs. Luther A. Oates, Princess Anne  
J. Alexis Shriver, Bel Air

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Mary P. Farr, Field secretary (for a portion of the year only).

**Publications in Print:**

Reports, 1903-date

## MASSACHUSETTS

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Members of the Commission:**

Charles F. D. Belden, Chairman, State Library, Boston  
Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Hopedale  
Frank H. Howes, Newton  
Miss Elizabeth P. Sohier, Beverly  
Hiller C. Wellman, Springfield

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Zaidee Brown, Agent  
Miss E. Louise Jones, Office secretary

**Publications in Print:**

Annual reports, 1893-95, 1897-1908, 1910-12

Aids in the selection of children's books

Directions for the librarian of a small library, by Zaidee Brown

Duties and opportunities of library trustees, by Alice G. Chandler

Some desirable publications for trustees to read

**New Legislation.** In 1911, a law was passed allowing any city or town library to lend its books to any other city or town library, under such conditions as may be made in writing by the governing body of the library. Any city or town may raise money to pay the expense of so borrowing books.

**New Phases of Work.** Since the appointment of an agent, the field work has materially increased. This includes both visits and aid in reorganization. A committee is promoting cooperation between the Commission and the library clubs of the state, and also between the different clubs. The Commission has held one Institute for instruction, and a number of neighborhood meetings of librarians. During the coming year, the Commission hopes to do more to encourage library work with foreigners.

## MICHIGAN

### STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

**Members of the Commission:**

Henry R. Pattengill, President, Lansing

Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Secretary, State Library, Lansing

Henry Nelson Loud, Au Sable

W. Millard Palmer, Grand Rapids

David E. Heineman, Detroit

**Executive Staff:**

Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Secretary, State Library, Lansing

R. D. Bailey, Field worker

**Publications in Print:**

Annual reports

Books on folklore and legend in the Summer Library School collection

Books on nature study in the Summer Library School collection

How to start a free public library

Poems, arranged by grades

Selected list of books for Boy Scouts  
Selected list of books on vocational training  
Selected list of scoutcraft, camping, and woodcraft  
Selected list of picture books

As stated in the Handbook of the League, 1910, the Michigan Board of Library Commissioners works in connection with the State Library. The traveling library work is carried on entirely by the State Library.

## MINNESOTA

### MINNESOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

Miss Margaret J. Evans, Chairman, Northfield  
Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Minneapolis  
Cyrus Northrup, President of the University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis  
C. G. Schulz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
St. Paul  
Warren Upham, Secretary of Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul

#### Executive Staff:

Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Secretary, The Capitol, St. Paul  
Miss Miriam E. Carey, Organizer  
Miss Helen J. Stearns, Librarian  
Miss Mary P. Pringle, Assistant librarian  
Miss Martha Wilson, State supervisor of school libraries

#### Publications in Print:

Biennial reports, 1900-date  
Library notes and news, Dec. 1904-date  
Minnesota library laws. 1911  
Public documents in the small library  
Children's books for Christmas gifts  
Leaflets:  
    Free traveling libraries  
        Aids to study clubs  
        Rules for circulation  
        Finding list: Books on agriculture and the farmer's  
            library  
        Finding list: Household economics  
        "        Teachers' library  
Teachers' assistant: a list for rural schools; grades 1-4  
Organization, purpose and work (of the Commission)

**New Phases of Work:**

*School Libraries.* In August, 1911, Miss Martha Wilson, formerly librarian of the Library Commission, was appointed Supervisor of school libraries under the Department of Public Instruction. In creating this office the aim of the Department has been the promoting of school library interests in general, through raising the standard of service in school libraries, urging instruction in the use of books in high schools, and more work in children's literature in the normal schools, correlating school libraries and public libraries, giving advice in organization and the publication of school library aids, the preparation of lists, exhibits, and talks at school meetings.

In addition to the compilation of the "Catalog for Public school libraries" from which purchases are made by school libraries securing state aid, a revised edition of the "Teachers' assistant, a selected list for grades 1-4," has been issued; suggestive \$10 orders for rural schools printed in slip form; and a graded list of stories to read aloud compiled and multigraphed for distribution. Many lists have been compiled in response to individual requests and to call attention to special subjects, or books, such as:—Books for school libraries open to the public; Books about children's reading and story telling; Industrial books for rural school libraries: Pupil's reading circle list; School library aids for teachers, etc.

Talks on the school library, its selection, care and use, and on children's reading have been given at District and County teachers' meetings, Farmers' institutes, and at nine county summer schools, in 1912. An outline of instruction on the work of rural school libraries, with a suggestive list of typical children's books for required reading, has been prepared for use in teachers' training departments in high schools.

Exhibits showing aids in book-selection and library methods for school libraries have been made at State and District Educational association meetings, and joint round table meetings for public and school librarians have been held at the district meetings in cooperation with the Library Commission.

**MISSOURI****MISSOURI LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

Arthur E. Bostwick, President, St. Louis

J. P. Greene, Liberty

A. Ross Hill, Columbia

Wm. P. Evans, Jefferson City

Mrs. W. K. James, St. Joseph



**Executive Staff:**

Miss Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary  
Miss Margaret A. Gramesly, Traveling library department  
J. F. Marron, Legislative reference department

**NEBRASKA****NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

F. L. Haller, President, Omaha  
S. Avery, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
J. E. Delzell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lincoln  
H. C. Lindsay, State Librarian, Lincoln  
Dr. Walter K. Jewett, Librarian of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Charlotte Templeton, Secretary, Lincoln  
Miss Guess Humphrey, Librarian  
Miss Florence E. Waugh, Librarian for state institutions

**Publications in Print:**

Biennial reports, 1904-date  
List of books for school libraries

**New Phases of Work.** Supervision of libraries in state institutions is now a part of the work of the Commission. The Legislature of 1911 set aside \$5000 to be used in beginning the work; and Miss Florence Waugh began work as institution librarian in May, 1911. She first visited all the institutions. It was then decided to follow the plan of a city branch system; all ordering of books and supplies, cataloging, and preparation of books for circulation, to be done at the main office. The report of the Commission for 1912 gives an interesting account of the work in the institutions. The total number of institutions is 13, including state hospitals, industrial schools and homes, soldiers' homes, and the penitentiary. Only 7 of these had libraries, and some of these were very small, and in poor condition. The Commission has purchased 2927 v. at a cost of \$2460.04. Subscriptions for magazines and newspapers have also been made. The largest piece of work was at the penitentiary, where the library was thoroughly reorganized, 340 new books bought, and a printed list prepared. The interest in the better class of books there has been much stimulated. The average population for the latest month reported was 380, and 1077 books were circulated, 32% being non-fiction.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

## NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

**Board of Trustees, (acting as Board of Library Commissioners)**

William D. Chandler, Chairman, Concord

William F. Whitcher, Woodsville

William J. Starr, Manchester

**Executive Officer:**

Arthur H. Chase, State Librarian, Secretary, Concord

**Publications in Print:**

Bulletin of N. H. Public libraries, (quarterly)

At the present time, the Commission has no appropriation except for the Bulletin, and is therefore doing no active work. Efforts will be made at the coming session of the Legislature to obtain an appropriation for a library visitor, and other work.

## NEW JERSEY

## NEW JERSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

W. C. Kimball, Chairman, Passaic

M. Taylor Pyne, Princeton

Howard M. Cooper, Camden

John Cotton Dana, Newark

**Executive Staff:**

H. C. Buchanan, Secretary

Miss Sarah B. Askew, Organizer

Miss Edna B. Pratt, Organizer

**Publications in Print:**

Advantages of a municipal library

Handbook of New Jersey libraries, 1901

" " " " " 1907

Items of interest to librarians and Boards of trustees

New Jersey library bulletin, (quarterly), Sept. 1911-date

New Jersey library law

**New Phases of Work.** The publication of the quarterly, New Jersey library bulletin; an exchange of foreign books; and a systematic rotation of round tables in all parts of the state; are among the developments of the last two years.

## NEW YORK

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL  
EXTENSION**Executive Staff:**

William R. Watson, Chief of Division, Albany  
Ase Wynkoop, Inspector of public libraries  
Miss Anna R. Phelps, Organizer  
Miss Caroline Webster, Organizer  
Miss Grace L. Betteridge, Assistant in charge of traveling  
libraries and study clubs  
Charles F. Porter, Assistant

**Publications in Print:**

Annual report (In report of Director of State Library)  
New York libraries, (issued quarterly)  
Tentative list of 500 to 1000 books of the preceding year,  
(annual)  
Annotated list of 250 best books of the preceding year, (annual)  
Directions for the librarian of a small library, by Zaidee Brown  
Buying list of books for small libraries, compiled by Zaidee  
Brown. New ed. rev. by Caroline Webster. 1913

**New Legislation.** A law has been passed authorizing counties to establish and maintain public libraries.

**New Phases of Work.** More emphasis has been placed on appeals to farmers at their institute meetings to make use of traveling and house libraries. A similar appeal has been made to schools.

## NORTH CAROLINA

## NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

Louis R. Wilson, Chairman  
Mrs. Sol Weil  
Charles Lee Smith  
J. Y. Joyner  
Miles C. Sherrill

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Minnie W. Leatherman, Secretary, Raleigh



**Publications in Print:**

Biennial reports, 1-2; 1910, 1912		
North Carolina library bulletin, (quarterly), Dec. 1910-date		
Circular No.	1	The public library
"	"	2 Traveling libraries
Leaflet No.	1	Debating
"	"	2 Free debate libraries for 1912-1913

**New Legislation.** The public library law passed in 1911 provides that upon the petition of 25% of the registered voters of an incorporated town, the council shall submit the question of the establishment of a public library to the voters at the next municipal election. If a majority of the votes cast be in the affirmative, the council shall levy a tax of not more than ten cents on the hundred dollars, and thirty cents on the poll, and shall establish the library.

**New Phases of Work.** A general loan collection, consisting chiefly of pamphlets and periodicals, has been established.

Beginning with the legislature of 1913, legislative reference work will be undertaken.

The Commission now furnishes debate libraries

**NORTH DAKOTA****NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

Dr. O. G. Libby, President, Grand Forks. Secretary State Historical Society  
 E. J. Taylor, Bismarck, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
 R. A. Nestos, Minot, President State Library Association  
 Mrs. Clara L. Darrow, Fargo  
 A. E. Sheets, Lakota

**Executive staff:**

Mrs. Minnie Clarke Budlong, Secretary of the Commission and Director of library extension  
 I. A. Acker, Legislative reference librarian  
 Miss Florence MacPhee, Chief of Traveling library department  
 Miss Haldora Peterson, Stenographer  
 Miss Elsie Smith, Clerk

**Publications in Print:**

Biennial reports, 1-3; 1908-12

Budlong, Mrs. M. C. comp. Suggestive list of books for school libraries. 1909

———— Plan of organization for small libraries. 1910

Johnson, Sveinbjorn. Parliamentary motions in order of rank.

———— Permanent state tax commissions. 1910

———— Good roads. 1910

Robinson, Julia, ed. Papers and proceedings of the 4th annual meeting of the N.D. Library Association, 1909

Information and Publicity Leaflets:

No. 1 N.D. Public Library Commission. 1908

2 " " " " revised. 1909-10

3 Facts about traveling libraries. 1909-11

4 Are you getting your share of free books? 1910. Rev. 1911

5 Aims, results, needs. 1910

6 Farmers' libraries. 1911

7 N.D. Public Library Commission. 1911 (Revision of no. 2)

8 Farmers' libraries. 1911 (Revision of no. 6)

9 Aims, results, needs. 1911 (Revision of no. 5)

New Year's greetings. 1910

**New Phases of Work.** Lectures on library science have been given at the summer school of the Valley City Normal School.

## OHIO

### OHIO BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

#### Members of the Board:

John McSweeney, President, Wooster

Frank N. Sweitzer, Canton

Dr. J. F. Jones, Columbus

#### Executive Staff:

J. H. Newman, Secretary, and State Librarian, Columbus

See the Handbook of the League, 1910, for a general statement of the work. No report was received for this Yearbook.

## OREGON

### OREGON LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

Governor Oswald Fest, Salem

L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem

P. L. Campbell, President of the University of Oregon  
 Miss Mary F. Isom, Librarian of Portland library, Portland  
 W. B. Ayer, Portland

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary  
 Miss Bertha Carter, Cataloger  
 Miss Vera Wellborn, Traveling library assistant  
 Loan clerk  
 Stenographer  
 General assistant

**Publications in Print:**

Biennial reports, 1-3: 1906-10

Circulars of information:

- No. 7 Instructions to librarians
- 10 Free traveling libraries
- 11 Starting a free public library

Library laws

School circulars:

- No. 4 Use of the library in teaching geography
- 7 Debate libraries
- 8 Commencement parts

State school library list, part 1. 1907

" " " " 2. 1910

Subject lists: General loan collection

- No. 1 Agriculture and country life
- 2 Domestic economy and home life
- 3 List of books about education
- 4 A child's library
- 5 Public health and sanitation
- 6 Picture bulletin

Broadside: Public library campaign leaflets

Sheet: Things a teacher should know about books

## PENNSYLVANIA

### PENNSYLVANIA FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

Henry R. Edmunds, President, Philadelphia  
 Thomas L. Montgomery, State Librarian, Secretary, Harris-  
 burg  
 John Thomson, Treasurer, Philadelphia  
 Harrison W. Craver, Pittsburg  
 Henry Belin, Jr., Scranton  
 Rev. Horace E. Hayden, Wilkes-Barre

**Executive Staff:**

Robert P. Bliss, Assistant secretary  
Miss Anna A. Macdonald, Consulting librarian  
Miss Cordelia B. Hodge, Head of traveling libraries

**Publications in Print:**

Pennsylvania library notes, (quarterly,) 1908-date

**New Phases of Work.** Summer school

## RHODE ISLAND

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

**Members of the Committee:**

Frank Hill  
Frank E. Thompson  
Samuel W. K. Allen

**Executive Staff:**

Frank Hill  
Walter E. Ranger, Secretary, State House, Providence  
Mrs. Annie W. Congdon, Library visitor

**Publications in Print:**

Booklists, Reports, and Circulars

**New Legislation.** An added appropriation of \$1000 has been made, and a Library visitor appointed.

## TENNESSEE

## TENNESSEE FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

G. H. Baskette, Chairman, Nashville  
Miss Jenny Lauderdale, Secretary and treasurer, Dyersburg  
J. W. Brister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Nashville  
Miss Mary Skeffington, State librarian, Nashville

**Executive Staff:**

Mrs. Pearl Williams Kelley, General secretary and Director of library extension

**Publications in Print:**

Annual report, 1st, 1911-12



What the Tennessee Free Library Commission means to Tennessee

Free traveling libraries

List of books on agriculture

List of books on household economics

**New Phases of Work.** When the Handbook was published in 1910, the Commission had no appropriation, so that its activities were necessarily limited. In 1911, an appropriation of \$2500 was received, with authority to engage an organizer. The following statement concerning the work is condensed from the report of the Commission for 1911-12.

*Advisory and field work.* The Commission encourages the establishment of libraries in all communities able to support them, and lays special emphasis on the value of county libraries. Where conditions are favorable for establishing a library, aid is given by printed matter, personal visits, speaking at public meetings, and in any other way practicable. Aid in library methods,—such as classification, cataloging, charging systems, etc.,—is given both to new libraries and to those that wish to improve their system. During the year, the Secretary has visited 33 places, going to some of them as many as six times.

*Summer school.* The Commission cooperated with the University of the South, Knoxville, in conducting a six weeks' library course in the summer school there. Scholarships were offered to those holding library positions or under definite appointment, and to teachers in charge of school libraries. The department was conducted by Miss Fay, librarian of the University of Tennessee, and her assistant, Miss Eaton. Lectures were given by members of the Commission, and by its General secretary, Mrs. Kelley.

*Institution libraries.* The Commission has included in its field of activities some of the State's charitable and correctional institutions. Through the generosity of a citizen, the Commission was able to donate a choice selection of books to the library in the main state prison. Assistance was also rendered to the book committee of the prison library; and to the building committee in regard to the plans for the new library soon to be erected by the prisoners themselves. As soon as the books are installed, the Commission will aid in cataloging them.

*Traveling libraries.* As has been the case in many other states, the traveling library system in Tennessee was inaugurated by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. During the presidency of Mrs. W. D. Beard, afterward a member of the Commission, the Federation sent out the first traveling libraries in the state. In all efforts to secure the enactment of the law creating the Free Library Commission, the State Federation rendered valuable and

untiring assistance. When the Commission began active work, the traveling libraries belonging to the Federation were turned over to it. They are now sent out by the Commission, in addition to libraries of its own.

A collection of fifty books is loaned to any community in the state not accessible to a library center. Any community or study club may form a Traveling Library Association by obtaining the signature of three responsible citizens to the agreement blanks furnished by the Commission, appointing a librarian, and providing a suitable place for the library. The library may be kept six months.

Individuals may borrow two or three books from the traveling library collection of the Commission, on request of the librarian of the local traveling library. Where there is no traveling library, the application is signed by a school officer of the district. The books may be kept two months, and the borrower pays the transportation. Fourteen such loans were made during the year.

Any study club may borrow a traveling library on sending in an application signed by the officers of the club. The club pays transportation, and may keep the books for the club year.

The Commission reports a steady and increased demand for the traveling libraries. Post-offices, stores, churches, schools, newspaper offices, and homes have all served as stations. Some of the libraries have gone to remote and isolated sections. The local librarians report a large circulation. During the year libraries were sent to 112 communities.

*Exhibits.* To make more widely known the work of the Commission, and especially the traveling libraries, an exhibit was placed in the Woman's Building at the State Fair. The trains touring the state in the interests of agriculture, education, and health, have displayed a number of the Commission's traveling libraries; and this has brought a large number of inquiries from citizens who there learned for the first time of this opportunity.

*County libraries.* The report of the Commission closes with a statement as to the value of county libraries, and an appeal for their establishment.

## TEXAS

### TEXAS LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission :

Eugene C. Barker, Chairman  
Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell  
Mrs. Joseph D. Sayers  
Hugh N. Fitzgerald  
F. M. Bralley

**Executive Officer:**

Ernest W. Winkler, State Librarian, Austin

**Publications in Print:**

Texas libraries, v. 13 no.1-2

Circular No. 1: Law governing the Texas State Library and the Texas Library and Historical Commission

Circular No.2: Rules and regulations of the Texas State Library

The Commission has been able to accomplish little, as no appropriation is available for expenses.

**UTAH****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Members of the Board:**

A. C. Nelson, State Superintendent, Chairman

J. T. Kingsbury, Secretary

John A. Widtsoe

D. H. Christensen

C. R. Marcusen

**Executive Staff:**

A. C. Nelson, Chairman

Howard R. Driggs, Library Secretary

The Library Secretary writes that a temporary library organizer has been employed in the past, as funds permitted; and that the Board hopes to be able to employ such an organizer permanently if an adequate appropriation can be secured. School libraries are established in the smaller settlements, where it would be impracticable to maintain a public library, and about fifty of these are now in existence. "The library cause in Utah is full of promise. We lack most funds with which to promote our cause, but we have every hope that the funds will be furnished, and that a strong library department will be developed as part of the work of the State Board of Education."

**VERMONT****VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS****Members of the Board:**

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President University of Vermont,  
Burlington

Mrs. C. M. Winslow, Brandon



Edward M. Goddard, Montpelier  
Mrs. W. P. Smith, St. Johnsbury  
Miss C. H. Clement, Rutland

**Executive Staff:**

Miss Rebecca W. Wright, Secretary, Montpelier  
Miss E. I. Wright, Assistant

**Publications in Print:**

Bulletin, (quarterly)  
A Vermont library, (Pomfret library); comp. by J. C. Dana  
Traveling libraries; by Mrs. W. P. Smith  
Traveling library lists .

**New Legislation.** Increase in following appropriations:

- 1 For direct aid to town libraries doing active work throughout the township, increase from \$1000 to 1500
- 2 For traveling library work, increase from \$600 to \$1000
- 3 For general expenses, increase from \$2000 to \$2500

Appropriation for libraries in state institutions, \$500 in 1911; and \$200 annually thereafter

**New Phases of Work.** "Work with Teacher-training classes, (girls and boys in high school preparing to teach), telling them about the best way for teachers to co-operate with libraries, and explaining what help they could get from the State in traveling libraries, lists, etc.

In place of an annual institute, the Library Commissioners arranged a two-days' meeting on general library problems. This has been tried for two years, and the librarians, trustees, and school-teachers, who attended called the change a success. To offset any possible lack felt by the omission of the institute, a Committee was appointed to answer technical questions at each two-days' meeting.

As an experiment, a very informal library school was held at a quarterly public meeting of the Board, to which librarians from the surrounding towns came. Besides showing elements of classification, cataloging, charging systems, and book-mending, there was opportunity for discussion of individual needs and problems. This informal school was attended by seven librarians for two days. They asked for just the subjects that they particularly needed, and incidentally received information which the Board thought that they needed. They seemed well satisfied with the experiment."

## VIRGINIA

## VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

The State Library in Virginia performs many of the functions of a library commission. It operates a system of traveling libraries, and does a good deal of library extension work through correspondence. It also does legislative reference work.

**Members of the State Library Board:**

Armistead C. Gordon, Chairman, Staunton  
S. S. P. Patteson, Richmond  
John W. Fishburne, Charlottesville  
Theodore S. Garnett, Norfolk  
Edmund Pendleton, Richmond

**Executive Staff:**

H. R. McIlwaine, State Librarian, Richmond  
G. C. Moseley, Chief of Division of traveling libraries

**Publications in Print:**

Annual report of the State Librarian

**New Legislation.** The appropriation for traveling libraries has been increased from \$1800 to \$1900. An effort is being made to secure an appropriation for the employment of a library organizer.

## WASHINGTON

## WASHINGTON LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Members of the Commission:**

Governor Ernest Lister  
Attorney-General W. V. Tanner  
Judges of the Supreme Court:  
Wallace Mount  
Herman D. Crow  
Mark A. Fullerton  
C. G. Ellis  
E. F. Parker  
John F. Main  
M. F. Goss  
G. A. Morris

**Executive Staff:**

J. M. Hitt, State Librarian, Olympia, Secretary  
Mrs. Lou Gertrude Diven, Superintendent of traveling libraries  
Assistant in Traveling Library.

The Washington Library Commission operates three departments, each separate in funds and administration from the other: the State Library, the State Traveling Library, and the State Law Library. The field work falls mainly to the Traveling Library. The Superintendent reports that 288 new applications were received in twenty months; and that 11,988 people in the rural districts are tributary to the new stations, besides a number that are not reported. Among the readers of the traveling libraries are 4,422 men in the R. R. construction and U. S. reclamation work.

Special book purchases have been made for improvement clubs, granges, debates, required reading in the 8th grade and in teachers' reading circles, rock quarry convicts, the W. C. T. U., the Y. M. C. A., and the women's clubs. Permanent stations, from which books are not returned, are maintained at the tuberculosis sanitariums and in jails.

The department has given away 20,000 magazines, in connection with its traveling libraries, and has sent 4,875 magazines as special contributions, and to fill up the files of public libraries.

## WISCONSIN

### WISCONSIN LIBRARY COMMISSION

#### Members of the Commission:

William H. Hatton, New London

Reuben G. Thwaites, Secretary State Historical Society,  
Madison

Mrs. Charles S. Morris, Berlin

Charles R. Van Hise, President University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

Charles P. Cary, Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Madison

#### Executive Staff:

Matthew S. Dudgeon, Secretary and Director of library school

Mrs. Anna L. Mayers, Executive clerk

Charles McCarthy, Chief of Legislative reference department

Miss Ono Mary Imhoff, Assistant librarian Legislative reference department

Miss Clara Richards, Assistant, Legislative reference department

Miss Blanche Lyle, Assistant, Legislative reference department

William H. Duffus, Assistant, Legislative reference department

Miss Florence C. Hays, Assistant, Legislative reference department

Miss L. E. Stearns, Chief, Traveling library department  
 Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine, Chief of instructional department and Preceptor of Library school  
 Miss Maud Van Buren, Instructor, Library school  
 Miss Mary Carpenter, Instructor, Library school  
 Miss Helen Turvill, Instructor, Library school.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth G. Potter, Instructor, Library school  
 Miss Lucy Morgan, Assistant, Library school

### **Publications in Print:**

American social questions (bibliographies)

- 2 Immigration
- 3 Labor
- 4 Poverty
- 5 Wealth
- 6 Business morals

Biennial report, v. 1-8

Check list of journals and public documents of Wisconsin, 1903

Circulars of information:

- 1 Establishing a library, first steps
- 2 How to secure a traveling library
- 3 Suggestions for library rules and regulations
- 4 Magazines for the small library
- 5 Campaigning for a public library
- 6 Legislative reference department
- 7 Traveling libraries in Wisconsin

Legislative reference department bulletins:

- 13 Primary elections
- 14 Proportional representation
- 15 Juvenile courts
- 16 Telephones; interchange of service
- 17 Mortgage taxation
- 18 Municipal home rule charters
- 19 Tenement house legislation, state and local
- 22 Certified public accountants
- 23 Corrupt practices at elections
- 24 State legislation concerning tuberculosis

Instructional department pamphlets:

- 1 Wisconsin library school, 1909-10
- 2 Short course, library school, 1910
- 3 Picture collections in small libraries
- 4 Supplementary course, library school, 1908
- 5 Commercial geography
- 6 Books on missions
- 7 How to care for books in a library

Miscellaneous pamphlets:

Laws of Wisconsin relating to libraries and the Free  
 Library Commission



Library extension, by E. A. Birge. 1905

One hundred popular German books

Some Wisconsin library buildings

Suggestive list of children's books

Study outlines:

- 1 Japan
- 2 Russia
- 3 Canada
- 4 Travel in England and Wales
- 6 French history
- 7 Modern Italy—History
- 8 Shakespeare's King John; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson
- 9 Shakespeare's King Richard Second; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson.
- 10 Shakespeare's King Henry Fourth, Parts I-II; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson
- 11 Shakespeare's King Henry Fifth; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson
- 12 United States history—Discovery and exploration
- 13 United States history—Colonial period
- 14 United States history—Revolution
- 15 United States history—Formation period, 1783-1817
- 16 United States history—Expansion period, 1817-1860
- 17 United States history—Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1876
- 18 United States history—From Reconstruction to date, 1876—
- 19 Travel in the United States
- 20 French art
- 22 English literature—Early Victorian period
- 23 Wisconsin history

Wisconsin library bulletin (bi-monthly) January, 1905, to date

**New Legislation.** The appropriation for legislative reference has been increased to \$20,000 annually.

As to the governing board of libraries hereafter established, it has been enacted, that in cities in which a library and reading room shall hereafter be established, the library board shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the mayor or some other member of the Common council, and another of whom shall be the city superintendent of schools, ex officio. The three other members of the board shall be elected by the Common council. Those first selected shall serve for terms of one, two, and three years respectively. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.



# TABLE OF EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSIONS

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	Annual appro-	Books and binding	Salaries	Direct aid †	Pamphlets, for distribution ‡	Traveling expenses	Express, freight and cartage	Postage	Printing	Office supplies and furniture	Traveling library boxes	Periodical subscriptions and organizations	State institutions	Summer school	Miscellaneous
Alabama.....															
California.....	\$3,606.18	\$662.02	\$1,500.00	\$9,094.16		\$489.80	\$299.43	\$112.00	\$47.85	\$230.00	\$2.58	\$62.31			381.10
Connecticut.....	1,200.00	373.14d	480.00	300.00		125.17		60.00	e 69.00			11.00			
Delaware.....	3,575.00	947.47	1,200.00												
*Idaho.....	1,800.00		900.00+	10.00			e 5.00	50.00+				12.00			253.51
Illinois.....	10,000.00	1,374.45	5,899.77	0	119.02	736.15	55.29	296.45	336.44	470.55	63.84	50.90	¶		460.52
Indiana.....	11,000.00	2,589.80	5,621.00	0	87.50	652.26	220.63		b110.00		196.68	62.40	c		100.00
Iowa.....	5,400.00	3,000.00d	2,100.00	0		e600.00	e120.00			250.00					231.17
Kansas.....	6,000.00	1,614.83	3,640.00		15.13		104.07	100.00	b 95.57	125.03		74.20			
Kentucky.....	2,500.00														
Maine.....	1,500.00	410.94	814.05				124.94	13.09	20.76						4.50
Maryland.....	6,950.00	53.90	3,122.41	980.23	479.10	546.75	86.32		692.69	705.78		11.00		128.50e	63.77
Massachusetts.....	4,000.00			0		574.75	119.00	228.35	316.60	752.72	274.00	42.00	¶	161.85	106.79
Michigan.....	13,500.00	4,247.77	6,732.31		175.98									0	
*Minnesota.....	6,000.00	1,800.00f	3,300.00	0	90.42	257.24	199.91	72.50	70.00	196.68	87.19	5.00	1,578.11	0	b
*Missouri.....	65,000.00	1,200.23	3,098.20	300.00		411.18	577.68				250.00			500.00	
*Nebraska.....	10,000.00	4,540.20		33,025.85		1,050.00		\$		\$					
New Jersey.....	1,200.00			10.90		202.07	8.17	50.06	141.88	25.65		14.00	0	0	19.58
New York.....	1,500.00	53.16d	1,080.00	24.15	j	297.21	176.65	103.10	\$	228.25	226.67	96.75			113.37
*North Carolina.....	7,800.00	2,302.44	4,908.76												
*North Dakota.....															
Ohio.....	9,000.00	3,128.16	5,704.44	e 25.00	j	419.76	575.00	152.00	\$	\$	224.28	150.00			158.62
Oregon.....	13,000.00	1,099.00d	8,950.00	0										224.00	
Pennsylvania.....	10,800.00			8,600.00											
Rhode Island.....	2,500.00	774.21	1,000.00	0	72.04	110.00	60.00	60.00	88.75	100.00	125.00	10.00		100.00	
Tennessee.....															
Utah.....	k														
Vermont.....	5,200.00	859.89	1,607.59	1,500.00	63.41	64.72	55.51	108.26	208.99	229.69	54.15	29.25	200.00	27.30	213.49
Virginia.....	1,900.00	347.48	1,200.00	0	0	0	100.82	36.86	44.12	65.85	117.60	0	0	0	6.30
*Washington.....	m 3,950.00		1,950.00						200.00						
Wisconsin.....		4,044.56d	17,220.73	0	173.60	1,713.24		\$	\$	\$225.90	182.00	183.55		¶	962.81

\* Half of the totals for biennial period.  
† Direct aid means books, supplies and money given to libraries.  
‡ A. L. A. Booklist is included under Pamphlets.  
§ Paid by state, not from Commission appropriation.  
¶ Part of general work. No statistics available.  
a In California no financial record separate from State Library.  
b In Iowa and Kentucky part of printing is paid by state from general fund. Not included in above figures.  
c In Iowa, State Board of Control employs a supervising librarian for state institutions.  
d Books only. In some states, binding comes from a general state fund.  
e Estimate. In Kansas, express, etc., paid from fees.  
f In Missouri, library cases included in Books and binding.  
g Nebraska. Commission received, also special appropriation of \$5,000 for work in institutions.  
h In Nebraska. Miscellaneous included in Office supplies.  
i In New York, the commission work is carried on by a branch of the State Education Department.  
j Included in Direct aid.  
k In Utah, from \$1000 to \$2000 is spent on the library work of the State Board of Education, aside from clerical help and traveling expenses.  
l Detailed statistics are not available.  
m Appropriation of Washington State Traveling Library only. No commission reported exact figures.

# TRAVELING LIBRARIES

Blank spaces do not mean zero, but that statistics were not available to the compiler

STATE	NUMBER OF VOLUMES			LOANS	REQUESTS CLASSIFIED							
	Total	Fixed groups	Open shelves		Number of vol- umes sent from office.	Total number of requests	REQUESTS CLASSIFIED					
							Groups of tax- payers	Public libraries	Schools	Institutions	Study clubs	Individuals
†California.....	9,500	8,157	1,343	.....	403	18	21	309	.....	17	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	3,900e	3,900e	.....	5,902	224	4	1	68	.....	15	88	48
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	4,000e	0	4,000e	3,817	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	9,566	3,800	5,766	34,785	705	312	146	96	0	93	0	88
Indiana.....	22,823	12,250	10,573	30,211	1,374	45	351	389	.....	242	78	269
Iowa.....	43,093	1,000e	42,093	55,570	1,106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	7,062	5,910	1,152	30,292	248	43	7	95	5	72	18	8
Kentucky.....	8,500	8,500	0	11,400	228	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Michigan.....	24,809	20,892	3,917	25,100	502	137	270	115	.....	115	4,453 vols.	.....
Minnesota.....	11,300	.....	.....	28,611	1,462	490	270	115	16	110	576	.....
Missouri.....	10,064	4,520	5,544	11,825	280	69	14	136	.....	35	.....	15
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	15,816	696	116	69	61	2	37	411	.....
New Jersey.....	.....	0	"all"	44,921	828e	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	49,897	5,883	44,014	31,302	758	68	84	93	33	307	127	75
North Dakota.....	11,610	8,435	3,175§	8,513	214	120	6	87	1	§	§	.....
Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Oregon.....	15,316	10,766	4,550	12,796	.....	.....	.....	102	5	15	.....	88
Pennsylvania.....	30,000	0	30,000	19,159	414	207	40	72	.....	52	16	8
Rhode Island.....	.....	11,274	550	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Tennessee.....	3,800	3,800	.....	3,800	112	40	.....	23	.....	25	14	10
Vermont.....	6,090	5,431	659	4,447	120	.....	.....	40	.....	23	.....	.....
Virginia.....	11,000	10,400	600	12,242	295	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Washington.....	11,000	.....	.....	17,310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	38,843	36,343	2,500	48,369	1,001	556	348	.....	.....	89	8	.....

e Estimate.

\* Half the figures for biennial period.

§ In North Dakota, the open shelf collection is for the Educational Reference Department. In one year, this loaned 5,760 volumes and 1,542 mounted clippings to 132 clubs and 63 individuals. This is not included in figures above, under Requests and Loans.

† Traveling library work now mainly done by county libraries. See California in body of Yearbook.

‡ Statistics for Maryland not available. Traveling libraries are being reclassified.

¶ No separate count.

In Massachusetts, Commission cooperates with traveling libraries maintained by the Woman's Education Association and other agencies.

SUMMARY OF LIBRARY CONDITIONS IN COMMISSION STATES.										COMMISSION EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS †				
STATE	Population	Towns or Cities over 2000 population	Public Libraries supported by tax in whole or part	Public Libraries supported without tax	Subscription Libraries	Library Buildings	Field Work	Instruction	Traveling Libraries	Direct Aid	Legislative Reference	Educational Reference		
Alabama.....	2,138,093	90	124	66	54	117								
California.....	2,377,549													
Colorado.....	799,024		109	44	22	90				\$300.00				
Connecticut.....	1,114,756	79	7	3	6	4								
Delaware.....	202,322	63	20	1	10	20								
Georgia.....	2,609,121													
Idaho.....	325,594													
Illinois.....	5,638,591	171e	200e	28e		127e								
Indiana.....	2,700,876	98	149	11	8	106	\$2,668.90	\$325.98	\$2,680.25	119.02	0	0		
Iowa.....	2,224,771	104	112	*	*	98				0	0			
Kansas.....	1,690,949	72	51	25	18	60								
Kentucky.....	2,289,905	48	12	7	16	20			1,604.58					
Maine.....	742,371	78	105	35		55								
Maryland.....	1,295,346		2											
Massachusetts.....	3,366,416	102	356	48	133	298	e3,400.00			1,871.04		0		
Michigan.....	2,810,173													
Minnesota.....	2,075,708	64	85	31	9	60	2,224.75	161.85	7,751.16	175.68				
Missouri.....	3,293,335	84	18	17		30	e882.24	e340.42	e2,734.18	0	0	0		
Nebraska.....	1,192,214	33	68	16	7	39								
New Hampshire.....	430,572													
New Jersey.....	2,670,000													
New York.....	9,113,614	182	333	167	36	300	e4,500.00	e250.00	e10,000.00	33,023.85		0		
North Carolina.....	2,206,287	40†	15	11	7	16	136.12		72.85	0		0		
North Dakota.....	577,056	12	12	5	5	15	300.37		4,023.73		\$2,151.12	\$1,664.20		
Ohio.....	4,767,121													
Oregon.....	672,765	24	28	7	4	13			2,311.55	0				
Pennsylvania.....	7,665,111	313	65	60		80								
Rhode Island.....	542,610					34	2,000.00			8,600.00				
Tennessee.....	2,184,789	41	7	1	14	7								
Texas.....	3,896,542													
Utah.....	373,351	21	19	6		10								
Vermont.....	355,956	39	154	14	15	63	e1,077.00		1,000.00	1,500.00				
Virginia.....	2,061,612	34	3	5										
Washington.....	1,144,990	36	47	4		29				0		0		
Wisconsin.....	2,333,860	82	150	6	1	66	7,600.00		3,728.77	0	20,000.00†			

Blank spaces indicate that the figures were not reported.

e Estimate.

\* In Iowa there are 41 libraries supported without tax, part of them free and part not.

† Over 2500 population.

† This table is included, though imperfect, because it was requested by the Committee of the League. Most of the Commissions found it impracticable to summarize their expenditures in this way, and therefore could not furnish figures. None reported on school libraries, so that was omitted.

¶ Separate appropriation.







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